

Amendments to the Specification:

In accordance with the current rules, a marked-up copy of the replacement paragraph or section is presented herein:

- 1) At page 3, lines 1-10, replace the section of the top paragraph where it carries over from page 2 with the following:

bristle will result in a multiplicity of sub-filaments corresponding to said zones, which is equivalent to fanning the free end of the bristle. At the same time it is advantageously possible to fill the two zones with plastic. The thickness of the bristles may lie between 0.1 mm and 0.25 mm, preferably between 0.15 mm and 0.18 mm. The cross section of the bristle may take on essentially the form of a three- or multiple-leaf clover or a three- or multiple-point star. The circumferential surface of the monofilament 1, 15 may advantageously have a helical structure 9 as shown in FIG. 5.

- 2) In the text briefly describing the figures, at page 7, between lines 10 and 11, add the new paragraphs:

FIG. 5 is a schematic showing of a bristle 1, 15 whose circumferential surface has a helical structure 9;

FIG. 6 is a schematic view of a toothbrush formed by bristles on a carrier 55; and

FIG. 7 is a schematic view of a field of bristles on an electric toothbrush 60.

3) At page 12, lines 8-10, replace the paragraph with the following:

After the monofilament 42 is fixed, it is cut and processed into individual bristles of approximately equal length. The bristles are then grouped in tufts and fixed to a bristle carrier, for example, as shown schematically on carrier 55 in FIG. 6.

4) At page 13, lines 23-26, replace the final paragraph with the following:

The bristles and tufts of bristles 1, 15 manufactured by this method are used preferably in an electric toothbrush 60. FIG. 6 shows a field 54 of bristles 1, 15. They are intended for use in particular in a round headed toothbrush, preferably within its inner field.